

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-11. (Cancelled)

12. (New) A body for a motor vehicle having a support structure which is assembled from large-size partial modules comprising:

a roof module,
a basic module onto which the roof module is placed, and
a roof column extending between a roof of the roof module and the basic module, which roof column is to be fixed at its lower end on the basic module during assembly of the partial modules,
wherein the roof column is designed as a separate component which, after assembly of the basic module and the roof module, is to be fastened at its upper end in an overlapping manner and from outside to a support part protruding from the roof.

13. (New) The body as claimed in claim 12, wherein the support part is fixed on a lateral roof strut of the roof module.

14. (New) The body as claimed in claim 13, wherein the roof column comprises at its upper end a bearing section via which the roof column is supported from outside against the roof strut.

15. (New) The body as claimed in claim 14, wherein the roof strut has a recess within which the bearing section of the roof column lies, and wherein the bearing section is fastened to the roof strut.

16. (New) The body as claimed in claim 12, wherein the support part is matched in cross section to a shape of the roof column and runs in a direction of extent of the roof column.

17. (New) The body as claimed in claim 12, wherein the roof column and the support part are additionally connected to each other via a rail of a seat belt system.

18. (New) The body as claimed in claim 12, wherein the lower end of the roof column is to be fixed on a lateral longitudinal member of the basic module.

19. (New) The body as claimed in claim 18, wherein the roof column is enlarged in cross section at the lower end and ends on a fastening profile which, when installed, runs in a direction of extent of the lateral longitudinal member.

20. (New) The body as claimed in claim 19, wherein the fastening profile is of essentially U-shaped design in cross section and can be plugged onto the lateral longitudinal member.

21. (New) The body as claimed in claim 20, wherein the fastening profile can be fastened in an essentially form-fitting manner to the lateral longitudinal member.

22. (New) An assembly process for a body for a motor vehicle having a support structure which is assembled from large-size partial modules and including a roof module which is placed onto a basic module, a roof column designed as a separate component and extending between a roof of the roof module and the basic module, which roof column is to be fixed at its lower end on the basic module during assembly of the partial modules, comprising:
assembling the basic module and the roof module, and
subsequently fastening the roof column at its upper end in an overlapping manner and from outside to a support part protruding from the roof.